

BEFORE THE DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING
DEPARTMENT OF NATURAL RESOURCES
STATE OF UTAH

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| IN THE MATTER OF TENTATIVE | : | |
| DECISION TO APPROVE THE MINING | : | NOTICE OF TENTATIVE |
| MINING AND RECLAMATION PLAN | : | DECISION TO APPROVE |
| FOR REDMOND MINERALS, INCORPORATED | : | NO. <u>M/039/002</u> |
| REDMOND MINERALS MINE, | : | |
| SANPETE COUNTY, UTAH | : | |

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THE STATE OF UTAH TO ALL OPERATORS, TAKERS OF PRODUCTION, MINERAL AND ROYALTY OWNERS, AND PARTICULARLY ALL PERSONS INTERESTED IN SECTIONS 13, 14, 23, 24, 25, AND 26, TOWNSHIP 20 SOUTH, RANGE 1 WEST, SLBM, SANPETE COUNTY, UTAH.

Notice is hereby given by the Division of Oil, Gas and Mining of its tentative decision to approve the Mining and Reclamation Plan for Redmond Minerals, Inc's, Redmond Minerals Mine. Mining activities will effect the following areas: Portions of SW1/4 of Section 13, SE1/4 SE1/4 of Section 14, Portions of the SE1/4 and NE1/4 of Section 23, Portions of the SW1/4 and NW1/4 of Section 24, NW 1/4 NW 1/4 of Section 25, NE1/4 NE1/4 of Section 26, Township 20 South, Range 1 West, SLBM, Sanpete County, Utah.

Redmond Minerals, Inc. has submitted a permit application for mining operations to employ the following mining and reclamation techniques on approximately 148.4 acres of private land.

During Operations

- Clay mining by conventional open pit methods will continue in the individual pits on a demand basis for each type of clay. Clay mining operations include trench type pits, hillside cuts and hilltop reductions. The run of mine clay is hauled to a pad for drying and discing or hauled directly to the clay mill for processing.
- Salt mining will continue by advancing shallow underground workings and developing new underground adits as needed. Common adit dimensions are 20 ft wide and 30 ft high. Usual depth of cover is 30 feet or less. The adits are advanced using drilling and blasting. Run of mine salt ore dimensions are typically -24 inch to -6 inch. The salt ore is trucked to the crushers and mill for processing and refining. Different grades/types of salt are mined from the various adits.

Following Operations

- All underground salt adits are to be blasted closed and the area regraded to a slope of 2h:1v or less.
- Clay pit highwalls and any post-law salt pit highwalls are to be reduced/backfilled by dozing to a slope of 1h:1v or less.

- Pit floors which are not backfilled or regraded during the highwall reduction efforts are to be ripped.
- Borrow area to be regraded, ripped and reseeded.
- West clay pits to be regraded and receive all revegetation treatments.
- Approximately one-half of the yard area to be ripped and receive revegetation treatments.
- Scrap metal, etc. from bone yard to be buried onsite and the area to be ripped and receive revegetation treatments.
- Pond areas to be backfilled, regraded and receive revegetation treatments.
- Maintenance shop, vehicle storage, salt mill & bulk storage, truck scales, and office/warehouse facilities to have post-mining use.
- Secondary salt crushers and salt mill are assumed to have a post-mining use with partial demolition/renovation.
- Primary crusher, old pump/compressor house and water tank to be removed/demolished.
- Clay pads to be regraded and ripped, and receive revegetation treatments.
- Brine pond to be backfilled, regraded and seeded.
- Clay mill to have a post-mining use.
- Only main access roads to facilities (with a post-mining use) to remain, all other roads to have berms regraded, surface ripped and then receive revegetation treatments.

The person representing the company is Mr. Ronald Bosshardt; Phone (801) 529-7402. Redmond Minerals, Inc. is fulfilling obligations under the Utah Mined Land Reclamation Act of 1975, Utah Code Ann. §40-8-18.

Any person or agency aggrieved by this tentative decision to issue approval is hereby requested to submit written protest within thirty (30) days of the date of publication to Mary Ann Wright, Associate Director of Mining, Division of Oil, Gas and Mining, 1594 West North Temple, Suite 1210, Box 145801, Salt Lake City, Utah 84114-5801, setting forth factual reasons for the complaint. If no responsive written protests are received by the Division within 30 days after the last date of publication, the tentative decision of the Division will be final.

DATED THIS 24 day of September, 1999

STATE OF UTAH
DIVISION OF OIL, GAS AND MINING

Lowell P. Braxton

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Director

CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

I hereby certify that I caused a true and correct copy of the foregoing Notice of Tentative Approval for Redmond Minerals, Inc.'s Redmond Minerals Mine (M/039/002) to be sent via facsimile, electronic mail, or mailed by first class mail, postage prepaid, the 24th day of September, 1999 to:

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